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PREVIOUSLY...

Since Dr. Eggman launched his evil DEATH EGG Mark 2 battle station, the Freedom Fighters have had it pretty rough! The evil (omelet) dictator's first attack was the "Cosmic Reset Button," which altered reality itself!

Super Sonic was able to set the world right, but was unable to save Sally as she bravely sacrificed herself to stop Eggman's World Roboticizer. Transforming her into the most menacing evil the planet Mobius has ever seen: MECHA SALLY.

With Antoine comatose, and his wife and fellow hero, Bunnie, mysteriously gone solo, the Freedom Fighters are torn apart. Dr. Eggman continues to terrorize Mobius unopposed with his Death Egg, and Naugus can proceed to manipulate the city of New Mobotropolis and rule as king. What can Sonic do to oppose them? Are the Freedom Fighters truly done for good?

Or perhaps the time has come

to change stratergy...

Who's Who

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
HERO OF MOBIUS

ROTOR WALRUS
EX-COUNCIL MEMBER/SONIC'S BUD

MECHA SALLY
ROBOTICIZED PRINCESS

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CRY FREEDOM!
YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE!
EVERYONE IN THIS TOWN IS NOW THE PROPERTY OF THE EGGMAN EMPIRE! RESISTANCE WILL BE MET WITH MOCKING LAUGHTER AND VIOLENCE, NOT NECESSARILY IN THAT ORDER!
FURVILLE --NOW.
VICTIMS WILL BE ROBOTICIZED AND MADE MY TIRELESS, THANKLESS SLAVES. THOSE WITH THE PESKY IMMUNITY WILL INSTEAD BE LEGIONIZED, CONSCRIPTED INTO MY ARMY AND USED TO HUNT DOWN THEIR LOVED ONES. IF YOU HAVE A PREFERENCE, PLEASE INFORM THE EGG-SWATS AS THEY BEAT YOU INTO SUBMISSION! WHA HA HA HA!

AAAAND OUT! THAT WILL DO FOR NOW!
ABOUT THAT "IMMUNITY," BOSS--I THOUGHT YOU TOOK CARE OF IT WITH THE COSMIC RESET BUTTON?*
NO, UNFORTUNATELY. THANKS TO THOSE MEDDLING ALIENS, HALF THE PLANET IS STILL IMMUNE TO MY ROBOTICIZER.** BUT THAT STILL LEAVES PLENTY TO SUBJUGATE!
*STH # 225.
**STH # 123.
YEAH... BUT AIN'T THE ROBOTICIZER BUSTED?***
INDEED. AND IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE'RE DANGEROUSLY LOW ON FUEL AND SUPPLIES AFTER OUR RECENT OUTINGS.**** WHY ARE WE MAKING THIS DETOUR ON OUR WAY TO THE SHAZAMAZON BASE?
FIRSTLY, I'LL GET AROUND TO FIXING THE ROBOTICIZER. THEY CAN ROT IN PRISON EGGS UNTIL THEN. SECONDLY, FURVILLE MANAGED TO SURVIVE ONE ATTACK ALREADY, AND I WON'T STAND FOR SUCH AN INSULT.*****
***STH #230.
****STH #230-234.+ SU # 37-40 (THE EGGMAN ARC!)
CLONK!
*****STH # 119 --THEY NARROWLY AVOIDED EGGMAN'S ATTACK, THANKS TO SONIC AND TAILS!
WITH NEW MOBOTROPOLIS SURVIVING MULTIPLE ATTACKS, I HAVE TO MAKE AN EXAMPLE OUT OF SOMEWHERE TO CRUSH ANY INSIPID NOTIONS OF "HOPE." I DON'T NEED ANY NEW HEROES SHOWING UP...
AND MOST IMPORTANTLY--IT'S ONE OF THE LARGEST SETTLEMENTS ON THE CONTINENT.

"...NOW THAT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE BEEN BROKEN."
FREEDOM HQ-- EARLIER.
AND IT'S NOT THE FIONA THING, OR THAT I'M BETTER LOOKING..."
...IT'S THAT ALL IT TAKES IS ONE BAD DAY, AND YOU'D BE JUST LIKE ME.
SONIC! ARE Y-- THERE HE IS! WE'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU!
BUNNIE'S GONE!
SHE LEFT US A LETTER, BUT DIDN'T SAY WHERE SHE WAS GOING!*
*LAST ISSUE.
I KNOW.
YOU ALREADY --? THEN WHAT DO WE DO ?!
SALLY'S BEEN ROBOTICIZED, THE CITY'S TURNED AGAINST NICOLE, ANTOINE'S IN A COMA, AND BUNNIE'S MISSING! THE TEAM IS FALLING APART!
"FALLING APART"? DUDE, THE DOC BEAT US. NAUGUS IS KING. THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE DONE, SO...

CUT IT OUT! WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THOSE KINDS OF JOKES!
WAP
BECAUSE YOU *ARE* JOKING, RIGHT? BECAUSE YOU'D *NEVER* QUIT, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOUR FRIENDS NEED YOU MOST-- *RIGHT?*
WE DIDN'T LEARN TO BE FREEDOM FIGHTERS FROM JUST ANYONE, Y'KNOW.
YOU DIDN'T QUIT WHEN YOU GOT ARRESTED. YOU DIDN'T QUIT WHEN ROBOTNIK CAME BACK. YOU DIDN'T QUIT WHEN WE LOST OLD MOBOTROPOLIS, OR KNOTHOLE, OR OUR FAMILIES, OR ANY OTHER TIME! SO GET UP! WE'VE GOT FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO SAVE!
YOU'RE RIGHT, AMY. I'M NOT GOING TO LET IT ALL GET TO ME. AND IT'S GOOD TO KNOW YOU TWO ARE STILL IN THIS ALL THE WAY. WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY...
...IS WE LOST THE OLD F.F., SO WE'VE GOT TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING *NEW*. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO SERIOUSLY BRAIN-STORM, THOUGH. WE'RE IN *ROUGH* SHAPE, AND WE'VE GOT A LOT ON OUR PLATE RIGHT NOW.
I HATE TO PILE IT ON...

...BUT IT JUST GOT WORSE TODAY.
YO--I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW YOU WERE HERE. AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE WORKING WITH THE COUNCIL RIGHT NOW?
THAT'S THE THING. I'VE RESIGNED OUT OF PROTEST.
...THIS IS THAT "GETTING WORSE" THING, ISN'T IT?
UH-HUH.
OKAY--I'LL BITE--
--WHY?
THE COUNCIL APPROVED KING NAUGUS' ORDER TO HAVE NICOLE EXILED FROM THE CITY'S SYSTEMS.
WHAT ?!
YOU MEAN MYM... SHE VOTED FOR THIS?!
I JUST FINISHED TOUCHING UP OUR SERVER FOR HER HERE TO GIVE HER A LITTLE MORE "ROOM," I WISH IT WAS AS SOPHISTICATED AS HER HAND-HELD FORM, BUT...
ONE STEP AT A TIME, ROTE. ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, THAT MEANS WE GET YOU BACK ON THE ACTIVE ROSTER, RIGHT?
RIGHT. EXCEPT WITH JUST THE FOUR OF US, WE CAN'T KEEP WATCH OVER THE CITY AND CHASE DOCTOR EGGMAN...

"LIKE YOU SAID--WE HAVE TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING NEW."
RUN
AAAAAH
HELP
FURVILLE --NOW.
WHICH WAY DO WE GO?
THIS WAY! WE'LL SLIP OUT ALONG THE EDGE OF TOWN, AND--
TARGETS ACQUIRED!
GO! GO!
ALL WILL SERVE THE MASTER.

SEARCH TEAMS REPORT 70% OF THE CITIZENS DETAINED. RESISTANCE IS LESS THAN EXPECTED.
AND WITH NO FREEDOM FIGHTERS GETTING IN THE WAY FOR ONCE...HOW ...REFRESHING.

NEW MOBOTROPOLIS--EARLIER...
...AND SINCE THE OLD FREEDOM FIGHTER FORMULA WON'T CUT IT, WE WANT TO SPLIT INTO TWO TEAMS. I'LL LEAD THE FIRST ONE, HUNT DOWN OL' BUTTNIK, AND RESCUE SALLY.
WHICH LEAVES ME IN COMMAND OF THE OTHER TEAM TO HELP PROTECT THE HOME FRONT. I THINK YOU ALL KNOW MY RESUME.
NOBODY DOUBTS YOUR LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE OR BRAVERY. BUT... WHAT ABOUT YOUR BACK INJURY?
GOOD QUESTION.
THIS BATTLE SUIT PROVIDES CORRECTIVE SUPPORT AND PUTS ME BACK IN ACTIVE DUTY, NO PROBLEM.
AND YOU REALLY THOUGHT YOU COULD RETIRE FROM THE HERO THING...

THERE IS NO NEED FOR THESE TEAMS, QUICKSTER. I PROTECT THIS CITY. MOTION DENIED.

WE *VOTE* ON MOTIONS HERE, *SIRE*. EVEN IF WE'RE STILL ONE CHAIR SHORT. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE FORMATION OF THE NEW TEAMS?

IT NEVER HURTS TO HAVE BACK-UP, *SIRE*. YEA.

WELCOME BACK TO ACTIVE SERVICE, ROTOR, YEA.

IF SUCH IS THE *WILL* OF THE *COUNCIL* ... THE MOTION *CARRIES*.

YEA.

I LIKE THAT YOU WENT THROUGH THE PROPER CHANNELS THIS TIME, YEA.

YEA!

SMASH
BLAM
SORRY WE'RE RUNNING SO LATE, EVERY-ONE!
YOU'RE IN GOOD HANDS NOW. JUST LEAVE EVERY-THING TO...
...TEAM FIGHTERS!
FURVILLE--NOW.

WHA--?! N--?! THAT'S NOT FAIR!
HOW MANY MORE OF YOUR FRIENDS DO I NEED TO DESTROY BEFORE YOU GIVE UP, RODENT?!
I WON'T STOP UNTIL I'VE SAVED EVERYONE YOU'VE CAPTURED! I'LL NEVER STOP UNTIL I'VE HONORED THE SACRIFICES OF EVERYONE WHO'S FALLEN ALONG THE WAY! AND I WON'T BE THROUGH UNTIL I'VE KICKED YOUR FLABBY BEHIND ONCE AND FOR ALL!
SO YOU JUST KEEP PUSHIN' ME, DOC! I'LL PUSH RIGHT BACK!

BIG TALK. BUT ONLY TALK. SURRENDER TO THE MASTER.
SORRY, SAL...
BUT I CAN'T PULL MY PUNCHES WITH YOU! IT'S LIKE HOW YOU PULLED OUT ALL THE STOPS WHEN I GOT ROBOTICIZED...*
*SONIC ARCHIVES VOLUME 10 AND SONIC SELECT VOLUME 2.
'COURSE I WAS A WAY-COOLER-LOOKING ROBOT...
SONIC? SWEETIE? LESS BANTER, MORE SAVING FOLKS, PLEASE!
WOULD YOU QUIT NAGGING ME? SAL IS LEADING THE GROUND TROOPS! I AM SAVING FOLKS!
I'M NOT NAGGING!

PIKO
COME ON! IF THE THREE OF THEM CAN FIGHT FOR OUR HOMES, SO CAN WE!
YEAH! THAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT!
WE'RE RAPIDLY LOSING PRISONERS AND GROUND FORCES, BOSS. BY MY ESTIMATE, IF WE LEAVE NOW, WE'LL HAVE JUST ENOUGH POWER TO ESCAPE AND RE-FUEL IN--
FULL RETREAT! BRING IN MECHA SALLY, BUT LEAVE THE EGG-SWATS TO COVER US!
FINE!
FINALLY! I'M FREE!

ORDERS RECEIVED. RETURNING TO BASE FOR SHAZAMAZON OBJECTIVE.
OH, NO, YOU DON'T! YOU'RE GETTING RESCUED WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT!
GAK! TAILS! BRING HER DOWN!
ALL GROUND UNITS, PROVIDE COVER FIRE AT THESE COORDINATES IN THREE, TWO...
.. ONE. RETURNING TO BASE.
IT'S NO GOOD, SONIC. THEY'RE GETTING AWAY!
DON'T SWEAT IT. I HEARD WHERE THEY'RE HEADED.

YOU'LL REMEMBER THE PLACE. NOW HELP US FINISH UP THE LAST OF THE ROBOTS. THE SOONER WE SAVE FURVILLE, THE SOONER WE CAN MOVE ON.
ROGER THAT!
WHEW! THAT'S MOST OF 'EM. THE CITIZENS ARE REALLY HELPING OUT.
YEP. ALL THEY NEEDED WAS A LITTLE INSPIRATION FROM THE RIGHT HEROES.
BET I CAN TAKE OUT MORE STRAGGLERS THAN YOU CAN!
YOU'RE ON!
The FREEDOM FIGHTERS are no more ... Long live TEAM FREEDOM and TEAM FIGHTERS! DOCTOR EGGMAN is on the run, but that doesn't mean he can't stir up MORE TROUBLE! Don't miss the beginning of "LOYALTY" next time! Until then, enjoy SONIC UNIVERSE, SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE, and the GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!

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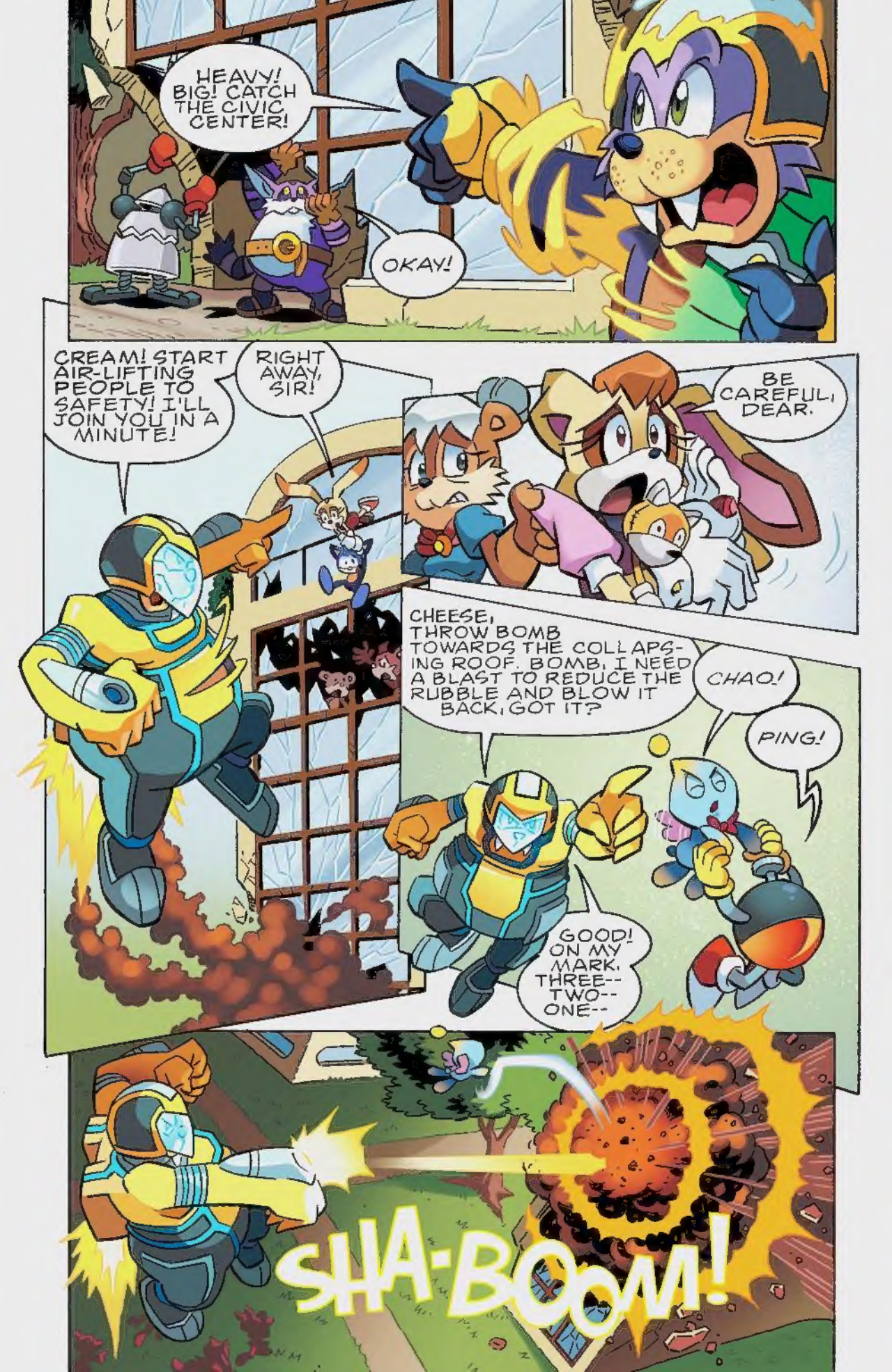
...THESE WILL BE OUR DEFENDERS, SHOULD THE DOCTOR ATTACK WITH UNYIELDING STEEL AND UNCARING FIRE?
SO...
YOU'D DEFEND US WITH BADNIKS? TWO WHO HAVE ATTACKED YOU IN THE PAST?
SALUTATIONS. WE ARE HAPPY TO RETURN TO SERVICE.
PING!
JUST AS YOU FOUGHT US BEFORE? HEAVY AND BOMB REBELLED AGAINST THE DOCTOR FIRST.* TAILS AND I RECOVERED THEIR PRIMARY CORES AND REBUILT THEM.
*SONIC SELECT VOLUME 2.
THE REST OF THE CITIZENS BELIEVE I AM ENOUGH TO PROTECT THEM! THOSE WHO DON'T ARE--WHAT? --THIS CHILD AND THIS SIMPLETON?
MY NAME IS "BIG."
÷PFFT÷ YES. OF COURSE IT IS. ÷SNRK÷
TELL THESE WELL-MEANING, MISGUIDED FEW THEY ARE UNNEEDED. MY PEOPLE, YOUR KING IS ALL YOU NEED!
WE ARE SANCTIONED BY THE COUNCIL AND ARE HERE TO HELP!
ONE MAN CAN'T PROTECT ALL OF NEW MOBOTROPOLIS.

HE COULDN'T STOP THE BATTLE BIRD ARMADA FROM BLOWING A HOLE THROUGH THE HEART OF THE CITY!* AND IT'S THANKS TO *NICOLE'S* NANITES THAT WE HAVE OUR HOMES BACK AT ALL!
YOUR WORDS BORDER ON *TREASON*, WALRUS.
*"BABYLON RISING" SU # 33-36
RRUMMBLE!
AAAAAH! RUN! INCOMING!
SHUT UP! SHUT UP! LET ME WORK! WE'LL *ALL* BE CRUSHED--!


HEAVY! BIG! CATCH THE CIVIC CENTER!
OKAY!
CREAM! START AIR-LIFTING PEOPLE TO SAFETY! I'LL JOIN YOU IN A MINUTE!
RIGHT AWAY, SIR!
BE CAREFUL, DEAR.
CHEESE, THROW BOMB TOWARDS THE COLLAPSING ROOF. BOMB, I NEED A BLAST TO REDUCE THE RUBBLE AND BLOW IT BACK, GOT IT?
CHAO!
PING!
GOOD! ON MY MARK, THREE-- TWO-- ONE--
SHA-BOOM!

HOORAY! WOO-HOO! GO, TEAM FREEDOM!
GREAT WORK, GUYS! HOLD IT STEADY, AND I'LL DO WHAT I CAN TO STABILIZE THE NANITES.
NOW DO YOU SEE WHAT YOU'VE DONE? YOU'VE RUINED EVERYTHING!
EXCUSE ME?
NOTHING! JUST... TALKING TO MYSELVES. MYSELF!
BEHOLD! NICOLE'S NANITES BETRAY US AGAIN!
NICOLE'S NOT HERE! IF ANYTHING, SHE WOULD'VE PREVENTED THIS GLITCH BEFORE IT HAPPENED! I CAN DIRECT THE NANITES TO REBUILD FROM MY SUIT, BUT IT WOULD BE FASTER AND MORE EFFICIENT IF SHE WAS STILL WITH US!
GO, TEAM FREEDOM!
THEN I WILL INVESTIGATE THE EARTH BENEATH, MADE TREACHEROUS BY THE ARMADA'S ASSAULT!
AND, IN THE SHADOWS, PERHAPS FIND A MEANS TO SOLVE MY PROBLEMS OF THE COUNCIL AND THE FICKLE TEMPERAMENT OF MY PEOPLE!
What EVIL is Naugus Planning?
Find Out in SU#41!

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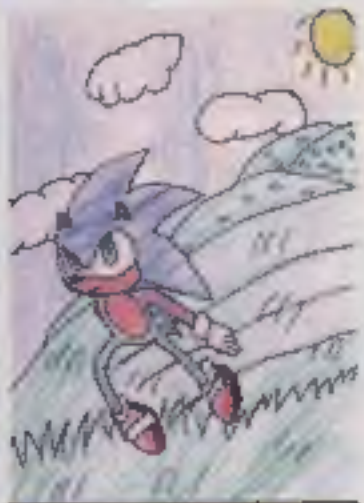

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LETTERS

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Dear Sonic-Grams,
Things have gone from bad to worst for Sonic. The Death Egg still lives, Sally's been roboticized, Naugus is now king, Eggman weaponized Sally, and Antoine D'Coolette is dying?

It's true that things haven't exactly been great for Sonic and his friends. Luckily the Blue Blur's spirit will never vanish, as you can see with his newly formed "Team Fighters" who will keep bringing their A-game to the egg head! As for Antoine, you'll just have to wait and see.

Geoffrey St. John is the TRAITOR that Silver the Hedgehog is looking for, right?

Hold your hedgehogs! – Keep reading STH to find out!

There's gotta be a way to turn Sally Acorn back to normal again.

Sonic will stop at nothing until he brings Sally back home safe and sound, and hopefully back to normal. How he will go about doing that and if he will be sucessful is anyone's guess.

In issue #231, I noticed that there's that Tails doll from Sonic R.

So it is! That Tails doll is actually another one of the Doctor's maniacal toys used to wreak havoc on Mobius!

Well that's all for now, folks, until then, lets do it to it!

Catch ya later,
Devin D.
From Washington

Thanks for writing in, Devin! Stay way past cool!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
I am a big Sally Acorn fan, I have a lot of questions!

One order of the usual, coming right up!

Are Sally and Bunnie going to be alright? I hope they will. If they don't, I'm going to go crazy! But if I don't go crazy, then they'll be alright, I guess?...

Your fan,
Hope B.
Hendersonville, TN

Well, Hope, all I can say is to keep reading! Oh, and try your absolute best to maintain your sanity, your gonna need it later on! Thanks for the letter!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
I read "Unthinkable," and I can't believe that it looked like Antoine died, but he's still alive. That gave me a scare!

Certainly! Though he is still in critical condition! Your gonna have to sit tight for a little while longer.

And the talk between Naugus and Rob-um-nik shocked me a bit. Anyway, about Mecha Sally...when is she going to get de-roboticized? I mean, seriously.

Eggman isn't going to let Sally go that easily. She has proved to be an invaluable asset to his schemes, so he's going to be trying just as hard as Sonic to keep her by his side.

Also, can't wait for Silver to come, and Robotnik and Snively against each other! But Secret Freedom Fighters...can you give me a hint about who's gonna be in it?

Keep on juicing!
Caoimhin M.
Washington!

Thanks for writing in, Caoimhin. I certainly can give you some hints! The Secret Freedom Fighters are an undercover team featuring the best of the best. You actually already mentioned one of the team members, and there are plenty more! Two other members you may recognize are seen in the story "Reigning Cats and Dogs" which is included in Sonic Super Special #3 available now! plugplugplugplug

See y'all next month!

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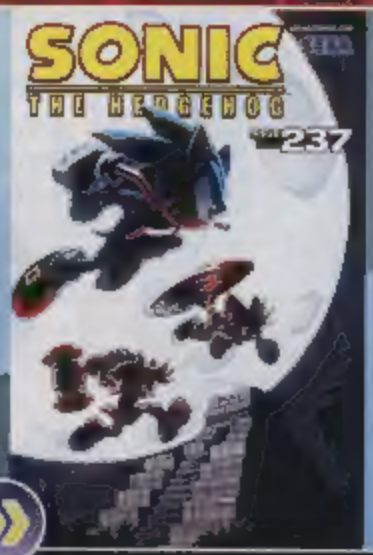

TEAM FIGHTERS TAKES CHARGE!
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